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In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 10/580,043) Examiner: Unassigned
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For: DISK DRIVE APPARATUS AND METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM, AND PROGRAM (AS AMENDED)) Confirmation No.: 7566))
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Computer generated English translations of Japanese Patent Publication Nos.

10-289452 and 11-066579 are attached. A search report from the Australian Patent

Office in a corresponding application setting forth the relevance thereof is also attached.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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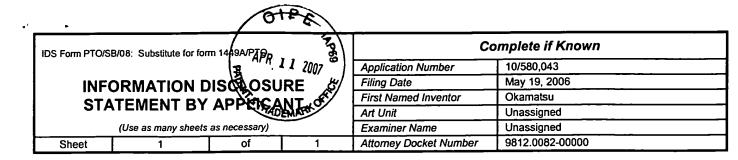
Respectfully submitted,

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